

EASTWARD TO THE INDIES.

One day last week, Gustave Flourens, son of the late eminent physicist and academician, was condemned to three months' imprisonment. His crime consisted, first, in differing in opinion from the Folio Commissary who declared a meeting dissolved at which Flourens was presiding; the President questioned the Commissary's interpretation of the law in the case, and continued to preside over the meeting which continued not to dissolve; secondly, in making several remarks on points of English and Roman history which police spies interpreted into allusive attacks on the Government. On his way, the following week, to preside at another meeting in the same place, Mr. Flourens was seized by the police in the streets, and from that time till last Friday, nearly a "whole month," was "preventively imprisoned;" was suffered to see no one but his jailer and his mother during the time.

Revelations du Gouvernement Mexicain is the title of a work about to be published at Brussels, the materials of which have been furnished by President Juarez.

The physicians have advised the removal from the neighborhood of Brussels of the unhappy victim of her own and her unwise husband's ambition and Napoleon's shrewd plans; this not in the slightest hope of effecting Princess Charlotte's cure, but to relieve her from some causes of irritation dependent on her present local situation.

drawing himself from the pleasures of the court, taking a voyage of celibacy, and thus cutting himself off from all hope of princely issue, he retired to a stone-bench on a lonely cape reaching far out to sea, and there pursued the study of navigation and the fitting out of ships for the East. It was he who announced and held firm the belief that a passage East could be found by sailing around the continent of Africa, though all the world thought it impossible to reach the East by the torrid zone and beyond the latitude of the Canary Islands to be the limit of the habitable globe. To him also is ascribed the introduction of the mariner's compass into Portuguese

The wealth was so furious and the point so lashed with waves that even Dias did not urge his men to go further, but straightway returned to his king with the tidings of the discovery of the southern extremity of Africa which he called the Cape of Storms. For better auspices that monarch christened it the Cape of Good Hope.

Ten years after the return of Bartholomew Dias, Dom Manuel, the cousin and successor of John II, was on the throne of Portugal. The project of sending an expedition past the Cape of Good Hope to the Indies, which now seemed feasible if any captain could be

In the time of the first Napoleon the project of the Suez Canal was talked over. Even while the First Consul was busy with the conquest of Egypt, and following in Syria the footsteps of the great Alexander, his quick eye found time to see the value of a passage for ships between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. But the best engineers, no wiser than those of the age of Rameses, of that of Necho, still declared that the Red Sea was higher

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